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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a June 21, 2005 International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter I) with Written Opinion (IPRP) (copy enclosed) of the international application (PCT/JP2005/007188) corresponding to the above-referenced national phase application:

- (1) JP 10-104503 A;
- (2) JP 59-105606 A;

- (3) JP 61-028913 A;
- (4) JP 06-018779 A;
- (5) JP 11-211467 A;
- (6) JP 11-281877 A;
- (7) JP 03-164709 A;
- (8) JP 2004-020742 A;
- (9) US 2004/0042780 A1;
- (10) JP 2004-337264 A; and
- (11) JP 2001-100258 A.

These documents were cited in the February 16, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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